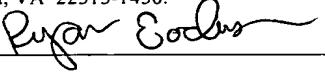


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For: **IONICALLY CONDUCTIVE COMPOSITES FOR PROTECTION OF ACTIVE METAL ANODES**

Assigned to: PolyPlus Battery Company

Priority of U.S. provisional application No. 60/418,899 filed on October 15, 2002 is claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e).

Amend the specification by inserting after the title the sentence: "This application claims priority of U.S. provisional application No. filed on which is hereby incorporated by reference."

Application Elements:

- 37** Pages of Specification, Claims and Abstract
- 11** Sheets of formal Drawings
- Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney
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Accompanying Application Parts:

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- Assignment and Assignment Recordation Cover Sheet (recording fee of \$40.00 enclosed)
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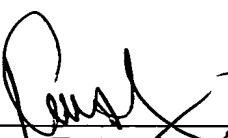
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